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EDUCATION

Saint Louis University, B.S.B.A. (Human Resource Management and Economics, Honors), 1988
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D. (Economics), 1993

EMPLOYMENT

Instructor in Economics, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1991
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN, 1993-94
Assistant Professor of Economics, Knox College, Galesburg, IL, 1994-1999
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, American University, Washington, DC, 1999-2002
Assistant Professor of Economics, American University, Washington, DC, 2002-2008
Associate Professor of Economics, American University, Washington, DC, 2008-present
Faculty Affiliate: Department of Mathematics and Statistics (appointed 2010),
Department of Justice, Law, and Criminology (appointed 2014), Center for
Health, Risk, and Society (appointed 2015)

ACADEMIC HONORS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

John E. Rovensky Fellowship in Economic and Business History, Business History Association, 1991-92
Allan Nevins Prize for Outstanding Dissertation, Economic History Association, 1993
Edwards Prize for Outstanding Publication in *Agricultural History*, Agricultural History Society, 1993
Quadrennial Dissertation Competition Finalist, International Economic History Association, 1998
Senior Research Fellow, Office of Foster Care and Adoption (previously Center for Adoption Research), University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2005-2011; Research Fellow, 2002-2005
Morton Bender Prize, American University, in Recognition of Scholarly Achievements since Attaining Tenure, 2011
Visiting Research Associate, Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of American History, contributor to development of the *American Enterprise* exhibit, 2012-2014

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Bankrupt in America: A History of Consumers, Businesses, their Creditors, and the Law in the Twentieth Century, (with Bradley A. Hansen), University of Chicago Press, under contract.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

["Matchmaker, Matchmaker, Make Me a Match: A General Personal Computer Record Linkage System"](#) (with Jeremy Atack and Fred Bateman), *Historical Methods* 25(Spring 1992), pp. 53-65.

["Specialization in Late Nineteenth Century Agriculture: Missouri as a Test Case,"](#) *Agricultural History* 67, 1(Winter 1993), pp. 16-35.

Awarded the Edwards Prize for outstanding publication in *Agricultural History*.

"Reply to Professor Bogue," *Agricultural History* 68, 1 (Winter, 1994), pp. 127-128

["Rural Response to Increased Demand: Crop Choice in the Midwest, 1860-1880,"](#) *Journal of Economic History* 53, 2(June 1993), pp. 332-345.

["Long Term Trends in Agricultural Specialization in the U.S.: Some Preliminary Results,"](#) *Agricultural History* 70, 1(Winter 1996), pp. 90-101.

["Wealth Accumulation and Distribution in the Midwest in the Late Nineteenth Century,"](#) *Explorations in Economic History* 33, 4(Spring 1996), pp. 524-538.

["Population Dynamics in Rural Missouri, 1860-1880,"](#) *Social Science History* 21, 1(Spring 1997), pp. 85-110.

["Railroad Development and Land Value"](#) (with Chad Coffman), *Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics* 16, 2(March 1998), pp. 191-204.

["Land Ownership, Farm Size, and Tenancy after the Civil War,"](#) *Journal of Economic History* 58, 3(September 1998), pp. 822-829.

["Middlemen in the Market for Grain: Changes and Comparisons,"](#) *Essays in Economic and Business History* 18, 1(2000), pp. 59-72.

["Transracial Placement in Adoptions with Public Agency Involvement: What Can We Learn from the AFCARS Data?"](#) (with Rita Simon), *Adoption Quarterly* 8, 2(June 2004), pp. 45-56.

["Unintended Consequences of Bargaining for Adoption Assistance Payments"](#) (with Daniel Pollack), *Family Court Review* 43, 3(July 2005), pp. 495-511.

["New Evidence on Race Discrimination under 'Separate but Equal'"](#) (with Bradley Hansen), *Essays in Economic and Business History* 24, 1(2006), pp. 120-132.

["The Economics of Adoption from Foster Care"](#) (with Bradley Hansen), *Child Welfare* 85, 3(May/June 2006), pp. 559-583.

["The Role of Path Dependence in the Development of U.S. Bankruptcy Law, 1880-1938"](#) (with Bradley A. Hansen), *Journal of Institutional Economics* 3, 2(August 2007), pp. 203-225.

[“Using Subsidies to Promote the Adoption of Children from Foster Care,”](#) *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* 28, 3(September 2007), pp. 377-393.

[“State-Designated Special Needs, Post-Adoption Support, and State Fiscal Stress,”](#) *Children and Youth Services Review* 29, 11(November 2007), pp. 1411–1425

[“The Value of Adoption,”](#) *Adoption Quarterly* 10, 2(September 2008), pp. 65-87.

Cited by the [Committee on Ways and Means](#) as rationale for the importance of passing the [Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act](#).

[“Tradeoffs in Formulating a Consistent National Policy on Adoption”](#) (with Daniel Pollack), *Family Court Review*, 46, 2(April 2008), pp. 366–374.

Selected for inclusion in the *University of La Verne Law Review's* Selective Bibliographic Index of Juvenile Law Publications (2007-2008).

[“The Distribution of a Federal Entitlement: The Case of Adoption Assistance”](#) *Journal of Socio-Economics* 37, 6(December 2008), pp. 2427-2442.

[“Religion, Social Capital, and Business Bankruptcy, 1921-1932”](#) (with Bradley Hansen), *Business History* 50, 6(November 2008), pp. 714-727.

[“The Structure of Families who Adopt Children from Foster Care,”](#) *Journal of Public Child Welfare* 2, 4(December 2008), pp. 427-449.

[“Crisis and Bankruptcy: The Mediating Role of State Law, 1920-1932”](#) (with Bradley Hansen), *Journal of Economic History*, 72, 3(September 2012), pp. 448-468.

[“The Evolution of Garnishment and Wage Assignment Law in Illinois, 1880-1930”](#) (with Bradley Hansen), *Essays in Economic and Business History* 32 (2014), pp. 19-46.

[“The Standard of Proof at Adjudication of Abuse or Neglect: Its Influence on Case Outcomes at Key Junctures”](#) (with Ashely Provencher and Josh Gupta-Kagan), *Social Work and Social Sciences Review* 17, 2(October 2014), pp. 22-56.

On SSRN's Top Ten downloaded lists for Children's Rights and Family Law in first month after upload (Oct. 2014).

[“The Historian’s Craft and Economics”](#) (with Bradley A. Hansen), *Journal of Institutional Economics* 12, 2(April 2016), pp. 349-370.

[“Credit Relationships and Business Bankruptcy during the Great Depression”](#) (with Nicholas L. Ziebarth), forthcoming in *AEJ: Macroeconomics*.

[“Self-Identity and the Lesbian Earnings Differential in the U.S.”](#) (with Michael E. Martell), forthcoming in *Review of Social Economy*.

[“The Standard of Proof in the Substantiation of Child Abuse and Neglect”](#) (with Nicholas Kahn and Josh Gupta-Kagan), forthcoming in *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*.

Under review and in preparation:

“Gender Differences in Attitudes toward Debt and Financial Position: The Impact of the Great Recession” (with Julie Lyn Routzahn and Erin George), revising to resubmit to *Feminist Economics*.

“Adoption Policy and the Well-Being of Adopted Children in the U.S.” (with Ashley J. Provencher and Nicholas E. Kahn), under review.

“Outcomes and Savings from the Quality Parenting Initiative” (with Ashley J. Provencher and Brian Yates), under review.

Edited Law Review Articles

“[The Regulation of Intercountry Adoption](#)” (with Daniel Pollack), *Brandeis Law Journal* 45, 1(October 2006), pp. 105-128.

“[Raising the Cut-Off: The Empirical Case for Extending Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies from Age 18 to 21](#)” (with Josh Gupta-Kagan), *U.C. Davis Journal of Juvenile Law and Policy* 13, 1(January 2009), pp. 1.-33.

On SSRN's Top Ten downloaded list for Health Care Policy (December 2010).

“A New View of Women in Bankruptcy” (with Michelle M. Miller), forthcoming in *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*.

Book Chapters & Conference Proceedings

“Using Private Contracts to Create Adoptions from Foster Care,” in [Child Welfare Issues and Perspectives](#), Stephen J. Quintero (editor), New York: Nova Science Publishers, 2009, pp. 113-126.

“Transracial Adoption of Black Children: An Economic Analysis” (with Daniel Pollack), in [Baby Markets: Money and the New Politics of Creating Families](#), Michele Goodwin (editor), New York: Cambridge, 2010, pp. 133-145.

Downloaded 6,074 times as of March 9, 2016 (Source: BE Press Digital Commons)

“Extending and Expanding Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies for Children and Youth in the District of Columbia” (with Josh Gupta-Kagan), in *Achieving Equity for Children and Families, Proceedings of the 33rd National Child Welfare, Juvenile, and Family Law Conference*, National Association of Counsel for Children Law Manual, 2010, pp. 35-55.

“Inequalities across States in a Federally-Funded System: The Case of Child Welfare Subsidies,” in [The Economics of Inequality, Poverty, and Discrimination in the 21st Century, Volume II](#), Robert Rycroft (editor), Santa Barbara: Praeger, 2013, pp. 454-464.

“Sources of Credit and the Extent of the Credit Market: A View from Bankruptcy Records, Mississippi 1929-1936,” in [Enterprising America](#), William Collins and Robert Margo (editors), Chicago: NBER/Chicago University Press, 2015, pp. 179-214.

Research Reports

“Extending and Expanding Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies for Children and Youth in the District of Columbia Foster Care System: Fiscal Impact Analysis” (with Josh Gupta-Kagan), report to the Council of the District of Columbia, November 2009, entered into public record March 4, 2010.

Testimony before DC Council led to [Adoption Reform Amendment Act \(B18-0547\)](#) of 2010.

“[Report on Executive Session: Eliminating Barriers to the Adoption of Children from Foster Care](#),” (with Elaine C. Kamarck, Julie Boatright Wilson, and Jeff Katz), Harvard Kennedy School Research Reports Online, November 2011. Available: http://www.hks.harvard.edu/var/ezp_site/storage/fckeditor/file/pdfs/centers-programs/centers/wiener/wps/No_Adoption_Barriers_White_Paper_6_12_Final.pdf (last accessed September 18, 2014).

Elements included in the [Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act](#) of 2014.

Other Invited Publications

“[Strategies for Commercialization: Missouri Agriculture, 1860-1880](#),” *Journal of Economic History* 54, 2(June 1994), pp. 423-425. [dissertation summary]

“At the Confluence of Economics and World History,” *Econ-Exchange* 7, 1(March 2003), pp. 1-4. [essay on teaching economics with history for K-12 teachers of economics]

“[An Overview of Federal Adoption Policy Legislation](#)” (with Bradley Hansen). ONLINE. Center for Adoption Research. (last accessed December 1, 2005; no longer available). [policy history]

“Measuring the Relationship between Income and Interest in Adoption.” ONLINE. Center for Adoption Research. ONLINE: last accessed December 1, 2005; available through <https://archive.org/web/>). [report]

“Explaining Bankruptcy: An Analysis of State Bankruptcy Rates During the Great Depression” (with Bradley Hansen), *The Newsletter of the Cliometric Society* 19, 2(Summer-Fall 2004). [preview of January 2005 American Economic Association presentation]

“[Masters of the Economy](#).” Game 154. ONLINE. Games Economists Play. Available: <http://www.marietta.edu/~delemeeg/games/games151-160.htm> (last accessed August 20, 2006). [description and materials for a classroom game]

AFCARS Adoption Data Research Brief Series:

“Adoptive Family Structure.” AFCARS Adoption Data Research Brief Number 1. ONLINE. North American Council on Adoptable Children. ONLINE: <http://www.nacac.org/pdfs/AFCARSadoptivefamilystructure.pdf> (last accessed August 24, 2006; no longer available).

“Age of Children at Adoption and Time from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption.” AFCARS Adoption Data Research Brief Number 2. ONLINE. North American Council on Adoptable Children. Available: <http://www.nacac.org/pdfs/AFCARSageatadoption.pdf> (last accessed August 24, 2006; no longer available).

“Race and Transracial Adoption.” AFCARS Adoption Data Research Brief Number 3. ONLINE. North American Council on Adoptable Children. Available:

<http://www.nacac.org/pdfs/AFCARSraceandtra.pdf> (last accessed August 24, 2006; no longer available).

“[Special Needs and Disabilities](#).” AFCARS Adoption Data Research Brief Number 4. ONLINE. North American Council on Adoptable Children. Available: <http://www.nacac.org/pdfs/AFCARSspecialneeds.pdf> (last accessed August 24, 2006).

“[Title IV-E Claims and Adoption Assistance Payments](#).” AFCARS Adoption Data Research Brief Number 5. ONLINE. North American Council on Adoptable Children. Available: <http://www.nacac.org/pdfs/AFCARStitleivepayments.pdf> (last accessed August 24, 2006).

“The Subtleties of Race and Recruitment in Foster Care and Adoption,” (with Daniel Pollack). *California NASW News* 32, 8 (May 2006), 6. [editorial]

“The Value of Adoption” *Adoptalk* (Spring 2007), 8-9. [research summary]

Book Reviews

Review of Political Economy of the Family Farm (by Sue Headlee) in *Agricultural History* 67, 1(Winter 1993), pp. 90-92.

Review of To Sow One Acre More (by Lee A. Craig) in *Journal of Economic History* 54, 2(June 1994), pp. 464-465.

Review of Mexicans in the Midwest: 1900-1932 (by Juan Garcia) in *Journal of Economic History* 57, 3(September 1997), pp. 754-755.

Review of The Farmer's Benevolent Trust: Law and Agricultural Cooperation in Industrial America, 1865-1945 (by Victoria Saker Woeste) in *Journal of Economic History* 59, 2 (June 1999), pp. 543-544.

[Review of Sowing Modernity: America's First Agricultural Revolution](#) (by Peter D. McClelland). ONLINE. Economic History Services (February 2000).

Review of A House Dividing: Economic Development in Pennsylvania and Virginia Before the Civil War (by John Majewski) in *Journal of Economic History* 61, 2(June 2001), pp. 555-56.

Review of Fighting for the Farm: Rural America Transformed (edited by Jane Adams) in *Journal of Economic History* 63, 3(September 2005), pp. 909-10.

Review of The Rosenwald Schools of the American South (by Mary S. Hoffschwelle) in *The Southern Quarterly* 44, 4(2007), pp. 204-206.

[Review of Quantitative Economic History: The Good of Counting](#) (edited by Joshua Rosenbloom). ONLINE. Economic History Services (September 2008).

[Review of The History of Bankruptcy: Economic, Social, and Cultural Implications in Early Modern Europe](#) (edited by Thomas Max Safley) in *Journal of History of Economic Thought*, 38, 1(March 2016), pp. 124-126.

Review of Sod-Busting: How Families Made Farms on the Nineteenth-Century Plains (by David B. Danbom) in *Journal of Economic History* 75, 2(June 2015), pp. 606-608.

DATA SETS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

“Manuscript Censuses of Population and Agriculture for 1860, 1870, and 1880: Missouri”
[ICPSR Study Number 6503](#).

“Comparing Policy and Demographic Environments Across States” (with Michael Dineen),
[National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect Dataset 125](#).

“United States Bankruptcy Statistics by District, 1899-2007,” (with Matthew Davis and Megan Fasules) Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2015-03-02. <http://doi.org/10.3886/E30355V1>.

“United States District Court Boundary Shapefiles (1900-2000),” (with Jess Chen and Matthew Davis). Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2015-03-02. <http://doi.org/10.3886/E30426V1>.

SPONSORED RESEARCH

Contracts and Grants (Role: PI)

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (SES 91-00517), AY 1991-92 (\$20,000)

Economic History Association, Cole Grant-in-Aid, 1995 (\$1,500)

National Science Foundation, Economics Program Grant (SES 96-23063), "[Middlemen in Towns and Small Cities of the Midwest: 1865-1900](#)," covering FYs 1997-1998 (\$60,000)

Center for Adoption Research, “Economics of Adoption and Adoption Policy,” FY 2003-04 (\$19,353)

[National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Child Health and Development](#) (R03-HD045342-01), “Assessment of Incentives to Adopt Children from Foster Care,” CYs 2004-2005 (\$132,600)

Center for Adoption Research, “Adoption as Investment in Children,” CY 2006 (\$24,000)

Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, “Maximizing the Potential of the Survey of Adoptive and Pre-Adoptive Parents,” Summer 2007 (\$3,630)

Center for Adoption Research, “Sensitivity of Demand for Public Agency Adoption,” CY 2007 (\$25,000)

National Science Foundation, Major Research Instrumentation Program Grant (BCS-1039497), “[MRI: Acquisition of HPC at AU](#) (Expanding Capabilities for Research and Research Training at American University through Shared High-Performance Computing),” October 1, 2010-September 30, 2011 (\$260,745)

[Institute for New Economic Thinking](#), “Emergency Preservation of Federal Bankruptcy Court Records,” (co-PI Michelle Miller, Rutgers Business School) August 1, 2011-April 30, 2012 (\$69,543)

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation (Grant Number 2011-6-16), “Digital Preservation of Bankruptcy Court Records, 1898-2000,” (co-PI Michelle Miller, Rutgers Business School) September 15, 2011-October 31, 2013 (\$207,665)

[National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Endowment for Education](#), “Opening New Views into Bankruptcy and Credit Markets Using Court Records,” January 1, 2013-December 31, 2013 (\$55,979)

National Science Foundation, Economics Program Dissertation Improvement Grant (SES-1324468), “[Doctoral Dissertation Research in Economics: The Impact of Medicare on Bankruptcy](#),” dissertation supervisor for Megan Fasules, August 15, 2013-July 31, 2014 (\$23,112)

National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Endowment for Education, “Continuation Funding for Opening New Views into Bankruptcy and Credit Markets Using Court Records,” January 1, 2014-June 30, 2014 (\$27,017)

National Science Foundation, Economics and Law and Social Sciences Programs (SES-1355742), “[Collaborative Research: Opening New Views into Bankruptcy and Credit Markets Using Court Records](#),” June 1, 2014- May 31, 2016 (\$298,400)

Annie E. Casey Foundation, “Costs and Benefits of Interventions that Reduce Group and Institutional Care” (co-PI Brian Yates, AU Psychology) November 1, 2014-August 31, 2015 (\$39,444)

Other Research/Travel Support

American Council of Learned Societies International Travel Grant, 1994

Hagley Foundation Grants-in-Aid, Winter 1995 and Summer 1996

National Endowment for the Humanities, selected to attend 8-week summer seminar for college teachers, “The Industrial Revolution in Comparative Perspective,” Summer 1997

National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect, Cornell University, funded to attend Summer Research Institute, Summer 2003

Internal Research Support

Knox College Faculty Development Grants, 1995 and 1996

American University, General Education Faculty Assistance Program Grant, Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Spring 2007, Spring 2013.

American University, University Faculty Research Support Grant, AYs 2003-4, 2007-8, 2011-12.

American University, College of Arts and Sciences, Mellon Faculty Development Fund Award, most recently Spring 2013.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Prior to 2004: Economic and Business History Association Annual Meetings (1999), Washington D.C. area economic history seminar (1998); Allied Social Science Association annual meetings (1997); Hagley Foundation Library (1996); Social Science History Association annual meetings (1992, 1994, 1995); Eleventh International Economic History Congress (1994, 1998); Economic History Association annual meetings (1992, 1993); NBER (1993); University of Illinois (1991, 1994); Illinois Economic Association (1992); Indiana University (1992); University of Michigan (1993); University of Iowa (1994, 1995), University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (1991); Northwestern University (1991),

- Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings (2001, 2003), Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings (2003)
- “Economics of the Proposed U.S. Regulations Implementing the Hague Convention,” Workshop on Intercountry Adoption, the European Union, and Transnational Law, Adoption Policy Institute and the New York School of Law, May 2004.
- “Bargaining over Support for Adopted Children,” Annual Meetings of the Eastern Economic Association, February 2004.
- “Explaining Bankruptcy: An Analysis of State Bankruptcy Rates During the Great Depression” (with Bradley Hansen), American Economic Association Meetings (Cliometrics Society/Economic History Association Session), January 2005.
- “Federal Adoption Assistance and Family Structure” (with Renata Kochut), Annual Meetings of the Eastern Economic Association, February 2005.
- “Tradeoffs in Formulating a Consistent National Policy on Adoption,” Second World Conference on Children without Parents, November 2005.
- “New Evidence on Race Discrimination under ‘Separate but Equal’” (with Bradley Hansen), Meetings of Economic and Business Historical Society, April 2005.
- “Legal Rules and Bankruptcy Rates” (with Bradley Hansen), Meetings of Southern Economic Association, November 2006.
- “Using Private Contracts to Create Adoptions from Foster Care,” research seminar series at the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, September 2007.
- “The Value of Adoption,” plenary address at the Fall Executive’s Conference of the California Alliance of Child and Family Services, October 31, 2007.
- “Adoption Assistance Research Update,” workshop at the Child Welfare League of America’s National Adoption and Foster Care Training Conference, December 10, 2007.
- “Valuing Surrogate Families,” Southern Economic Association Meetings, November 21, 2008.
- “The Value of Adoption,” New York Coalition for Children, April 21, 2009.
- “Using Data to Advocate for Permanency and Policy Changes,” 33d Annual Child Welfare, Juvenile and Family Law Conference, National Association of Counsel for Children, Austin, TX. (October 21, 2010).
- “The Effect of Recession and Stimulus on Children in Foster Care,” American Economic Association Annual Meeting, January 8, 2011.
- “Crisis and Bankruptcy,” Washington Area Economic History Workshop, February 18, 2011.
- “Financial System Liquidity and Bankruptcy: Mississippi 1929-31,” Economic History Association Annual Meeting, September 2012.
- “The Evolution of Garnishment and Wage Assignment Law in Illinois, 1880-1930,” Economic and Business History Society Annual Meeting, June 2013.
- “Interactions between Social Insurance Programs: The Impact of Medicare on the Characteristics of Petitioners for Bankruptcy” (with Megan Fasules), Society for Government Economists Annual Meeting, November 2013.

- “Sources of Credit and the Extent of the Credit Market: A View from Bankruptcy Records, Mississippi 1929-1936,” Enterprising America NBER Conference, December 14, 2013.
- “Interactions between Social Insurance Programs: The Impact of Medicare on the Characteristics of Petitioners for Bankruptcy” (with Megan Fasules), Allied Social Sciences Meetings, January 2014.
- “Self-Identified Sexual Orientation and the Lesbian Earnings Differential,” Eastern Economic Association Meetings, February 27, 2015.
- “The Standard of Proof in the Substantiation of Child Abuse and Neglect,” George Mason University Public Choice Seminar, March 4, 2015.
- “The Potential of the Quality Parenting Initiative to Reduce Child Welfare Costs,” Annual Meetings of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, November 13, 2015.
- “A New View of Women in Bankruptcy,” Annual Meeting of the Economic and Business History Society, May 2016.

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

- Dissertation Advisor: Current—Ricci Reber (St. Mary’s College in Maryland), Walter Scott (Fannie Mae), Joshua Stachura (FINRA), Amanda Zarka. Past— Jess Chen (University of Redlands), 2016; Matt Davis (Pacific Lutheran University), 2016, Megan Fasules (Center for Education and the Workforce, Georgetown University), 2015; Nick Kahn (American University), 2014; Susan Reilly (Florida State College), 2013; Julie Routzahn (McDaniel College), 2012; Ashley Provencher (Siena College), 2012; Mike Martell (Bard College), 2011; Maria Rafaj (American Military University), 2011; Laura Sherbin (Center for Talent Innovation and Columbia University), 2007
- Dissertation Committee Member: Current—Valerie Lacarte, Dongping Xie, Matthew van den Berg. Past— Daniel Kuehn (Urban Institute), Darren Sheets (ITC), 2015; Leanne Roncolato (Franklin & Marshall), 2013; John Messier (University of Maine at Framingham), 2005; Amy Gignesi (The Harvey School), 2004
- Graduate Courses Taught at AU: Economic History: Microeconomic Aspects, American Economic History, European Economic History, Labor Economics (face-to-face and online), Labor Economics Seminar
- Undergraduate Courses Taught at AU: Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics (large section format, small section format, online format), International Economics, Senior Research Seminar
- I regularly serve as Honors Capstone Advisor, Independent Study Advisor, and include undergraduate students in my research projects (several per academic year). Recent advises include: Zach Duey (’14) awarded Outstanding Presentation in the Social Sciences at the Honors Capstone Conference; Emily Ellis (’15) 2014 AU Summer Scholars and Artists Fellowship Winner, Veronica Vazquez (’16) on expanding the bankruptcy law to include territories.

SELECTED SERVICE TO AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Department of Economics

Undergraduate Faculty Advisor (also known as departmental Director of Undergraduate Studies), included chairing Undergraduate Studies Committee, Omicron Delta Epsilon Advisor and Honors Coordinator, transfer and study abroad course articulation, undergraduate program assessment and advice for about 300 majors and 100 minors (2006-2015); Dissertation Fellowship Committee (AY 2002-2003); Merit Review Committee (AYs 2002-3, 2010-11, 2014-15); Grievance Committee (AY 2002-3); Search Committee (AY 2003-4, Fall 2015), Search Committee Chair (AYs 2009-10, 2010-11), ad hoc Committee on Governance (AY 05-06), Steering Committee (AY 06-07, AY 07-08); Program Review and Self-Study Committee (Fall 2008).

College of Arts and Sciences

Educational Policy Committee (AY 2003-04), Mellon Committee (AYs 2003-06), CAS Robyn Mathias Student Research Conference Judge (2008); Academic Grievance Panel Member (November 2008).

American University

Honors 101 Faculty Mentor (2006, 2008), Honors Advisory Board (2007-2013), Ann Ferren Teaching Conference Planning Committee (AY 2007-8); NCUR Faculty Sponsor (2009); Member, Task Force on Research and Grants Infrastructure (2009-10); General Education Assessment Coordinator (2009-10), Academic Technology Steering Committee (member AYs 2009-10 and 2012-12, Chair AY 2012-13); Member, Working Group on Faculty Portal Design (2010); Member, Working Group on Datatel Interface for Grants Reporting (2011) Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Budget & Benefits (member AY 2010-11 and Fall 2011, Chair Spring 2012), Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum (member Fall 2012, co-Chair Spring 2013), Search Committee for Chair of Computer Science (member Spring 2014, Fall 2015), Search Committee for Social Science Librarian (member, Spring 2014), Faculty Retreat (panel member "Developing Relationships with Funders," October 2014), Ongoing: Chair, HPC Liaison Committee (2010-present), Faculty Research Advisory Council (AY 2014-15 and Fall 2015).

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

E-mail Mailing List Moderator for DATABASES for Cliometric Society, 1994-96

Referee for *Journal of Economic History*, *Agricultural History*, *Social Science History*, *Historical Methods*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, *International Review of Law and Economics*, *Perspectives on Economic Education Research*, *Adoption Quarterly*, *Eastern Economic Journal*, *Children and Youth Services Review*, *ILR Review*

Ad Hoc Reviewer, NSF/IOC Program, March 2009; NSF/Econ Program, March 2014

Temporary Member, Social Sciences and Population Studies Study Section, NIH, March 2010

Committee on Research in Economic History, Economic History Association, 2011-12 (member 2011- 2014, Chair AY 2013-14)

Local Arrangements Committee member, Economic History Association, 2013

Ongoing:

Editor of Cliometric Society *Newsletter*, ex-officio member of the Board of Directors, appointed November 2006

Member of Editorial Board of *Adoption Quarterly*, appointed February 2007

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association, Southern Economic Association, Eastern Economic Association, Economic History Association, Economic and Business History Association, Cliometric Society, Business History Conference

CONSULTING & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Consultant, Fredericksburg Area Food Bank, “Private Contributions and Inventory Projections for Fredericksburg Area Food Bank,” June 2003

Special Education Advisory Board, Fredericksburg Public School District, AY 2005-6

Consultant, Children’s Law Center, “Effect of Adoption Subsidy Extensions for DC,” December 2007

Consultant, Patton-Boggs, regarding lobbying for federal funding for post-adoption services, November 2008

Member, Board of Directors, Listening to Parents, a 503(c) organization that aims to reduce barriers to adoption from foster care, 2009-present

Expert Witness, Children’s Rights, to prepare an expert report on the costs of caring for children in foster care for litigation and to testify in the matter of *Cassie M. v. Chaffee*, 2013

Expert Witness, Perkins Coie LLP, to prepare a report on the costs of caring for children in foster care for litigation and to testify in the matter of *Foster Parents Association of Washington State v. Quigley et al.*, 2013-14

Expert Witness, Morrison & Foerster LLP, to prepare a rebuttal reports and to testify in the matter of *Ah Chong v. Wong*, 2015-2016

Consultant, Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, to prepare and review background materials for litigation, 2015-present

PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

Op-ed, *Washington Post*, October 19, 2008: “[Despite a Tragedy, Adoption Aid Remains Crucial.](#)”

Interview, WAMU’s Metro Connection, October 10, 2008: “DC Remembers 1929.”

Interview on AARP’s Inside E Street, December 12, 2008: “Jobs Wanted: For Hire,” Segment: “Looking to the Past.”

Mary Eschelbach Hansen

Testimony before the Council of the District of Columbia, Committee on Human Services, Hearing on Extending Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies Until Age 21 and Expanding Guardianship Subsidies to Non-Kin, December 12, 2008, and March 4, 2010.

Interview, *The Economist*, February 25, 2010: “[Protecting the Weakest: Recession May Hurt America’s Vulnerable Children.](#)”

Featured by Metro Connection/WAMU, Radio, “Changing Adoption Laws,” December 10, 2010. Testimony before the Federal District Court of Rhode Island *re: Cassie M. v. Chaffee*, December 9, 2013. See coverage in [The Providence Journal](#), December 10, 2013.

Interview, Fortune, “[Fast food worker strikes: After two years is there anything to show?](#)” September 4, 2014.

Interview, CNN, “[Is child poverty inevitable?](#)” November 4, 2014.

Interview, LA times, “[Obama pushes paid sick/family leave for workers.](#)” January 16, 2015.

Interview, Sage Business Researcher, “[Failure: What can businesses learn when things go wrong.](#)” January 4, 2016.